Setting up of LPT, HPT in Rajasthan during 1996-97

1496. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up more high power transmitters, low power transmitters and TV extension services/studios in Rajasthan during the current financial year 1996-97;

(b) if so, the details thereof location wise; and

(c) what Central assistance has been provided so far to the State for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details are given in the statement. (*see* below)

(c) A sum of approximately Rs. 50 crores has been sanctioned by the Government towards capital cost of the projects presently under implementation in Rajasthan.

Statement

Transmitter projects under implementation in Rajasthan

HPT	*BARMER (1KW Interim set-up)
	*JAISALMER
	JODHPUR
LPT	*BARI SADRI
	HINDAUN
	MAKRANA
	*KARAULI
	PHALODI
	*RAJGARH (CHURU)
	*MT. ABU
	*PRATAPGARH
	*NOHAR
	*SHAHPURA
	*NIMAJ
	TIBI
	KESRIAJI
VLPT	GANGAPUR (BHIL WARA)
	LALSOT
	LAXMANGARH
	*NEEMKA THANA

*Projects technically ready and can be commissioned as soon as staff sanctions are received.

Spurt in Gold and Narcotic Drug Smuggling

1497. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a spurt in gold and narcotic drug smuggling during recent months;

(b) if so, what are the details of contraband seized during each month since January 1996 together with corresponding figures for the years 1994-95; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken to curb this?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Reports available with the Government do not indicate that there is spurt in smuggling of gold or narcotic drugs. Smuggling being a clandestine activity it cannot categorically be stated whether smuggling of gold and narcotic drugs has increased during the recent months.

(b) Details of contraband & narcotics seized during each month since January 96 together with corresponding figures for the year 1994 & 1995 are given below:—

Value of Contrabands including gold seized

(Rs. in lacs)

	1994	1995	1996
January	4299	3764	2414
February	8164	3044	4524
March	3454	6038	6910
April	1836	2156	2441
May	2811	3123	1960
June	1919	2311	1704

Quantity of Narcotic drugs seized in Kgs. in 1994

Drug	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June
OPIUM	11	26	36	164	150	67
HEROIN	64	17	113	67	33	63
GANJA	112	4937	4332	8758	16194	34199
HASHISH	113	11	148	321	533	317
COCAINE	-	-	0.140	-	-	-
MANDRAX	6768	334	4856	1966	725	781

Quantity of Narcotic drugs seized in Kgs. in 1995

Drug	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June(Prov.)
OPIUM	394	-	157	129	94	115
HEROIN	101	112	34	15	218	78
GANJA	21090	325	4453	2432	5496	3850
HASHISH	582	84	122	215	513	106
COCAINE	22	-	-	-	15	3
MANDRAX	14926	-	145	18	136	277

Quantity of Narcotic drugs seized in Kgs. in 1996

Drug	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June(Prov.)
OPIUM	37	630	153	228	13	3
HEROIN	145	88	112	158	167	2
GANJA	2086	7287	4724	5159	91	-
HASHISH	190	3622	731	17	19	-
COCAINE	-	-	-	0.097	0.135	-
MANDRAX	-	4	0.750	-	-	-

(c) Enforcement agencies are alert to prevent & detect smuggling and drug trafficking. Measures taken in this regard include strengthening of enforcement agencies, close coordination among various enforcement agencies of centre and state, surveillance over sensitive areas, border fencing and targetting of intelligence.